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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 3252

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: REPORTED COUP IN SIKKIM

1. LOCAL HAM OPERATOR HAS JUST PICKED UP TRANSMISSION FROM SIKKIM'S ONLY REGISTERED HAM STATION (T NAMGYAL, THE PALACE, GANGTOK, SIKKIM) FOLLOWING REPORT WHICH WE ARE UNABLE TO EVALUATE: COUP D'ETAT IS IN PROGRESS. INDIAN ARMY HAS SURROUNDED PALACE AND IS HOLDING NAMGYAL AND OTHERS INSIDE THE BUILDING HOSTAGE. ONE PLANE HAS BEEN SHOT DOWN AND THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SHOOTING IN THE AREA. NAMGYAL ASKED THAT WORD BE TRANSMITTED TO WORLD PRESS AS INDIAN AUTHORITIES WERE CONTROLLING ALL COMMUNICATIONS.

2. AS ABOVE WAS BEING DICTATED, AP TICKER ITEM FROM NEW DELHI ARRIVED INDICATING OPPOSITION OF CHOGYAL TO SIKKIM CONSTITUTION PROMULGATED LAST JULY WHICH GIVES EFFECTIVE POWER TO INDIAN-NOMINATED CHIEF EXECUTIVE. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY IS UNINFORMED ABOUT HIMALAYAN AFFAIRS, TICKER ITEM LENDS CREDENCE TO HAM OPERATOR'S CLAIM THAT THERE IS POLITICAL TROUBLE IN SIKKIM.
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